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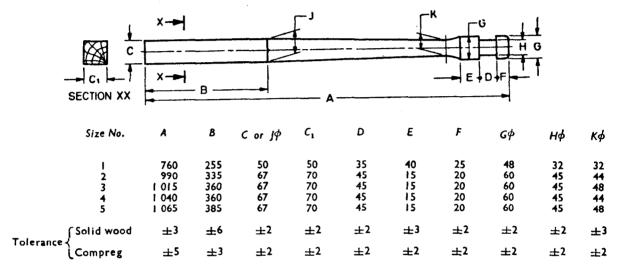


Indian Standard

SPECIFICATION FOR PICKING STICKS (ARMS) FOR OVERPICK JUTE LOOMS

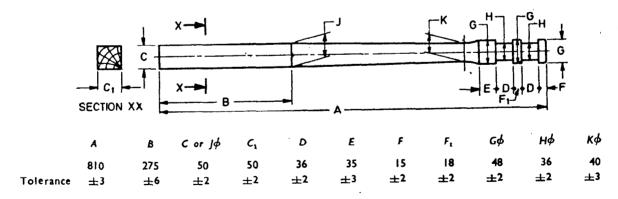
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- 1. Material—As agreed to between the buyer and the seller; the picking sticks shall be made of natural wood or solid compressed wood or compressed laminated wood.
- 2. Shape and Dimensions See Fig. 1 and 2.



All dimensions in millimetres.

FIG. 1 TYPICAL PICKING STICKS FOR OVERPICK JUTE LOOMS, TYPE I



All dimensions in millimetres.

FIG. 2 TYPICAL DOUBLE GROOVE PICKING STICKS FOR OVERPICK JUTE LOOMS, TYPE 2

3. Workmanship and Finish

3.1 The natural wood for the manufacture of picking sticks shall be fully-seasoned [see IS: 1141-1958 'Code of practice for seasoning of timbers (tentative)'] before use.

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- 3.2 The picking sticks shall be free from visible defects, such as checks, splits, gum veins, bark pockets, holes or any other defect which is likely to affect the life or usefulness of the picking sticks. [For the description of defects, see IS: 707-1969 'Glossary of terms applicable to timber and timber products (first revision)'].
- 3.3 The surface shall be sanded smooth.
- 3.4 If an agreement between the buyer and the seller so provides, the picking sticks made of natural wood shall be soaked in either linseed oil (raw); groundnut oil, mineral oil (spindle oil) or sperm oil immediately after manufacture for a period of 12 hours and then allowed to stand for another 12 hours to drain off excess oil.
- 4. Atmospheric Conditions for Conditioning and Testing—In case of dispute or if agreed to between the buyer and the seller the test sample shall be conditioned to moisture equilibrium and tested in the standard atmospheric conditions, that is, 65 ± 2 percent relative humidity and $27 \pm 2^{\circ}$ C temperature [see also IS: 196-1966 'Atmospheric conditions for testing (revised)'].
- 5. Marking Mark each picking stick at a suitable place with the manufacturer's name, initials or trade-mark.
- 5.1 Certification Marking Details available with the Bureau of Indian Standards.
- 6. Packing As agreed to between the buyer and the seller.